

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A glitter marking instrument such as a marker, highlighter and the like, which includes a barrel having a front portion. A liquid mixture of ink and glitter is stored within the barrel. The glitter marking instrument further ~~comprises~~includes a nib for receiving the ink/glitter mixture to effectuate a writing on a chosen surface. The nib is housed partially within the front portion of the barrel. Further, the nib has an outer surface and the nib is axially movable within the front end of the barrel. Moreover, when the nib of the marking instrument has sufficient pressure exerted upon it to move ~~said~~ the nib axially inward further within the front portion of the barrel then the ink/glitter mixture stored within the barrel ~~is caused to flow~~ flows to the nib. The ink portion of the ink/glitter mixture saturates ~~said~~ the nib, but the glitter portion of the ink/glitter mixture is not absorbable by ~~said~~ the nib, and thus the glitter portion of the ink/glitter mixture goes around the outer surface of the nib instead to create a decorative glitter effect around the outer surface of the nib.